

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kaehler et al.
Serial No. 09/779,089
Filed: 02/08/2001
For: **SPECIAL PRODUCT VENDING AND SYSTEM AND METHOD**

Examiner: Michael E. Butler
Art Unit: 3653

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed on September 24, 2002, Applicant herein responds as follows. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

REMARKS

Applicant herein elects Group I, claims 1-24, 39, and 42, without traverse. Claim 39 is a generic claim to claims 40-41 in Group II and claims 43-44 in Group III. Applicant consents to the withdrawal of claims 40 and 41 in Group II and claims 43 and 44 in Group III with the understanding that if generic claim 39 is allowable from Group I, the subject matter of these claims 40, 41, 43, and 44 may be reintroduced. Applicant cancels claims 25-38, without prejudice, at this time. However applicant reserves the right to prosecute these canceled claims in divisional applications.

Applicant requests claim examination and allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

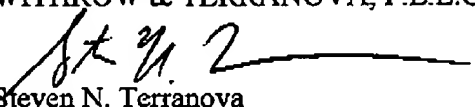
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